

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Semifero
J. Smith-absent	R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2010

Motion Tell; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2010 with the following correction:

Page 3, L-1 add "*with the reflected change to coincide with the Downtown Development Authority extension date*" to the end of the motion.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following addition:

J-2 ADD Consideration of: Fundraising Rummage Sale Road Signs from the
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary from January
26 to February 7

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing
Protomatic request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

Hearing was opened at 7:41 pm. Doug Wetzel, of 6692 Ralaric Drive, Dexter, Vice President and General Manager of Protomatic located at 2125 Bishop Circle West, Dexter, addressed Council regarding the tax exemption request of \$250,000 for 2 years.

The public hearing was closed at 7:46 pm

ACTION – Consideration of: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST
FROM PROTOMATIC FOR AN INDUSTRIAL

FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the request from Protomatic, 2125 Bishop Circle West, Dexter for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in the total amount of \$250,000 for real and personal property for the period of 2 years.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Lisa Paull of 8565 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, spoke on the proposed bicycle path through Westridge and the December 16 meeting of the residents. Ms. Paull stated that she does not like the alternative route proposals and that there has been quite a few trees cleared and the proposed plans would compromise the three entrances to Westridge. She asked would there be traffic lights at the entrances and restricted parking in the sub-division and raised a question about safety issues. She felt that a new plan needs to be devised that will be in the best interest of Westridge residents.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Dues Letter
3. Michigan State University Extension Center – Quarterly Report
4. Ice Skating Rink Feedback

I. REPORTS

1. Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Sherry – 2nd Quarter Report

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet, detailing budget amendments that need to be made due to Michigan Tax Tribunal decisions and the Orchard Hills bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, she addressed an upgrade of the Village's website. Input from Council regarding desired features was solicited, as well as direction regarding a budget for the outsourcing of website development. Council will address this at their goal setting session.

2. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Park & Recreation Commission – Joe Semifero

Mr. Semifero spoke about the sign project with the University of Michigan students and that the Commission should be getting a plan from them in the next two months. Mr. Semifero also said that the Commission has started on the Capital Improvement Plan.

3. Subcommittee Reports
None

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling and Assistant Manager, Ms. Nicholls submits the report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling inquired about the works session scheduled for February 6th and if there was still a desire to meet and if so, what agenda items would the Council like to have.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough highlighted the January 19th meeting on the Mill Creek with the need to widen the stream and to raise the bottom. Mr. Keough also explained the possible need to create wetland by acquiring property. He mentioned the concern from Ms. Bishop regarding which design consultants to use on the Mill Creek Park and has brought this up to the Downtown Development Authority. Mr. Keough reported on the January Regional Fire meeting and that agreements and bylaws were distributed from other consolidated departments. Finally, Mr. Keough reported on grant opportunities for Mill Creek Park and that Ms. Bishop has located one on stream restoration and it has a cost of \$4000 for preparing the paper work.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$95,857.15
2. Consideration of: Fundraising Rummage Sale Road Signs from the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary from January 26 to February 7

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood – Boundary Commission Legal Sufficiency Hearing

Ms. Nicholls reported that the hearing is scheduled for February 11 and the agenda should be posted by February 1 or so. Questions on the referendum included who determines the wording on the petitions, when would the election occur as well as the charter commission election, could there be election costs involved if voted on during one of the four yearly voting days with nothing else on the ballot, and the length of time it would take for the charter to be reviewed by the governor.

2. Consideration of: Additions to the Ann Arbor Street Project

Rhett Gronevelt of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment explained that costs and bump out design. Comments were raised on parking on the south side of Dexter-Ann Arbor Road east of Kensington and the need to show residents the proposed change, when sidewalks are planned for the west side of Kensington in the Capital

Improvement Plan, and would like to see bump outs at Hudson and Dover Street where they meet Ann Arbor Street.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Acceptance of 2008-2009 Audit

Rana Emmons of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel was present to discuss the audit. Motion Carson; support Semifero to accept the 2008-2009 Village Audit.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Contract Extension with Waste Management

Motion Carson; support Cousins to accept the Contract Extension with Waste Management for the next three years.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

3. Discussion of: Downtown Fire Prevention

Don Schnettler from the Washtenaw County Building Inspection Department and Don Dettling, Fire Inspector for the Dexter Area Fire Department were present to review the history of downtown fires. President Keough reported on the resolution from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to that recommends to council to look at options to improve fire safety in downtown businesses and buildings. He also stated that he would like to meet with business property owners and that they may be able to share expenses and/or obtain federal funding. It was suggested that a sub-committee composed of a member from the County Building Department, the Fire Inspector, a representative from Council and from the DDA, and a Village staff member meet to discuss the issue.

4. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing on February 8, 2010 to consider amendments to the following Ordinances in the General Code:
Chapter 21, Article I-IX – Subdivision
Chapter 2, Article IV – Planning Commission

Motion Tell; support Carson to set a Public Hearing on February 8, 2010 to consider amendments to the following Ordinances in the General Code:
Chapter 21, Article I-IX – Subdivision and Chapter 2, Article IV, Planning Commission.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: 2009-2010 Budget Amendments

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve the 2009-2010 Budget Amendments as presented.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	Mentioned that Council Members have received an invitation to the Creative Connections event at the Encore Theatre on February 9 and hope that all will attend. Also the ice skating rink has been a great public relations tool for the Village.
Fisher	None
Carson	Chelsea Area Planning Team/Dexter Area Regional Team is going ahead with a two year time line plan. Interns are in place and the process has started. Ms. Bishop will be our contact person.
Jones	The Dexter Daze planning committee will begin meeting for this year's event on Monday, February 1 at 7 pm at the Verizon Wireless store.
Semifero	Reminded all that if the outdoor temperature is 35 degrees or above to not use the ice rink.
Tell	The Fire Board will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month beginning in March; the street light is out at Third and Hudson; and the pavement is separating from the curb at Fourth and Inverness.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

A representative for Alan Green of 8368 Parkridge, Dexter spoke about the bump outs proposed for Dexter-Ann Arbor road and that they do not work well for bicyclists.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Semifero; support Carson to adjourn at 9:46 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: February 8, 2010